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SUBJECT: THE CA: TOWARD THE FINISH LINE

REF: LAGOS 5705

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE CA HAS SIDESTEPED THE REVENUE
ALLOCATION HURDLE AND IS APPROACHING THE FINISHING
LINE. END SUMMARY

1. AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF DEBATE, THE CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY DECIDED ON MAY 30 TO SIDESTEP THE ISSUE OF
REVENUE ALLOCATION AND TO LEAVE THE PROBLEM FOR THE
FIRST NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO DEAL WITH IN 1979. IN
DOING SO, THE CA VOTED TO AMEND SUBSECTION (2) OF
SECTION 138 OF THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION TO READ:

"THE AMOUNT STANDING TO THE
CREDIT OF THE FEDERAL ACCOUNT
SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE
FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS ON SUCH TERMS
AND MANNER AS MAY BE PRE-
SCRIBED BY AN ACT OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY."

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2. AS REPORTED REFTEL, THE MEMEBERS OF THE CA HAD BEEN
GIVEN COPIES OF THE LONG AWAITED REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL
COMMITTEE ON REVENUE ALLOCATION (ABOYADE COMMITTEE) TO
STUDEY OVER THEIR LAST RECESS. THE REPORT (DETAILS RE-
PORTED BY AIRGRAM) PROPOSES A CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT WHICH
WOULD RECEIVE ALL FEDERALLY COLLECTED REVENUE, INCLUD-
ING PETROLEUM REVENUE. UNDER THE FORMULA PROPOSED BY

THE ABOYADE COMMITTEE AND ACCEPTED BY THE FMG, THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL RECEIVE 57 PERCENT OF THE ACCOUNT,
STATE GOVERNMENT 30 PERCENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT 10 PERCENT AND A
SPECIAL GRANTS BUDGET, 3 PERCENT, FOR REHABILITATION OF
POLLUTED OIL PRODUCTION AREAS, NATIONAL EMERGENCIES,
AND GENERAL ECOLOGICAL DEGRADATION.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, A NUMBER OF MCA'S
OBJECTED TO THE ABOYADE FORMULA ON A VARIETY OF
DIFFERENT GROUNDS. AS A RESULT, IT WAS DECIDED TO
AVOID THE WHOLE QUESTION, THUS RETURNING TO A
POSITION THAT MOST MCA'S CAS ORIGINALLY HELD LAST
OCTOBER.

4. COMMENT: BY SIDESTEPPING THE REVENUE ALLOCA-
TION HURDLE, THE CA IS APPROACHING THE FINISH LINE.
MCA RUFUS OLUMBA (IMO) TOLD US ON MAY 30 THAT IN
HIS VIEW THE CA WILL SPEND THE NEXT TWO OR THREE
WEEKS TIDYING UP THE LOOSE ENDS AND THEN WILL AD-
JOURN FOR TWO WEEKS. THE ASSEMBLY WOULD THEN RE-
CONVENE FOR A FINAL FORMAL THIRD READING OF THE
FULL CONSTITUTION AND ITS JOB WOULD BE COMPLETED.
ON SHARIA, OLUMBA SAID THAT THE NORTHERNERS ARE
LOBBYING IN AN EFFORT TO PICK UP 20 OR 30 MORE
SUPPORTERS BEFORE REOPENING THE QUESTION BEFORE
THE ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS IN THREE WEEKS. IN HIS OWN
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VIEW, IF THE NORTHERNERS DON'T PICK UP SOME EXTRA
VOTES, THEY WILL NOT REOPEN THE QUESTION AT ALL,
SO AS TO AVOID ANOTHER DIVISIVE DEFEAT. EN COMMENT.
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